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Link Accused Red Spy Courier To Youth Unit, Rent Strike

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A woman named by the FBI in 1960 as a spy courier for the Soviet Union was identified today as one of the leaders of the Lower East Side rent strike, which was supported by the embattled Mobilization for Youth.

Mrs. Esther Rand, 57, of 87 E. 4th st., executive secretary of the East Side Tenants Council, admitted to the New York Journal-American that she is the same woman accused as a co-conspirator in the case of Soviet spy Dr. Robert Soblen.

Mrs. Rand attended rent strike meetings at MFY headquarters, 215 E. 2d st., every other week for about six months from January to June of this year, said a spokesman for the youth agency.

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Her tenants council, said Mrs. Rand, "performed several small services" for MFY, "such as submitting lists of slumlords."

"We made our facilities available to them, but we never used

ESTHER RAND

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